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Anacostia River Plan Announced

To a packed crowd in Arena Stage's Kreeger Theatre, Mayor Anthony Williams, the D.C. Office of Planning and various federal and local agencies involved gave an update on the progress of the Anacostia Waterfront Initiative (AWI).

The AWI was begun in 2000 with a Memorandum of Understanding between federal agencies that control much of the land on the waterfront and local and area agencies involved.

Mayor Williams will be proposing District council legislation to create a quasi-governmental corporation to manage the AWI program. A bill probably will be discussed at a council hearing conducted by Council Members Jack Evans and Harold Brazil, who head relevant committees.



On the drawing above, western parts of the AWI plan are identified, as follows: N1 - the Southwest Waterfront, including D1, a civic park, and D2 Market Square, a major public plaza. N3 South Capitol St., including T2, a new bridge replacing the Frederick Douglass So. Capitol St. Bridge. N2, Near Southeast, a mixed-income, mixed use community, including P1, the Southeast Federal Center, P2 Canal Blocks Park. N4 Poplar Point, including D3, a 60-acre Waterfront Cultural Park. Five thousand copies of the AWI brochure which includes this drawing and a timeline reaching to 2005 will be mailed. Copies are available at the Office of Planning headquarters, 801 North Capitol St. NE.

H2O Restaurant Opens In Hogates Bldg.

A beautifully revitalized Hogates Restaurant building at 9th and Water St. S.W. has been opened for dinner only under the name of H2O (appropriately the chemical formula for water).

Owned by the National Capital Revitalization Commission, the building has been leased for 5 years to Abdul Khanu who plans both a restaurant and lounge, although the lounge opening has not been decided..

Hours are 5 pm to 10 pm, with a Sunday Brunch to start in a few weeks (11 am



- 3 pm) and lunch starting in the early spring. Reservations can be made for a gala New Years Eve by calling 484-6300 or going to the web site www.H2ODC.com



The view from the dining room at H2O includes yachts, open water and the sky beyond.



The large dining room at H2O was set with glassware, china, silverware and candles.

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Second Union Service 11 am Christmas Day

Besides its regular Sunday services during the week of Christmas, Second Union Baptist Church at Delaware Ave. and L St. S.W. will have a service at 11 am, Thursday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day.

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Southwest Community Calendar

MONTHLY

Wed. Dec. 17 AARP party at Pier 7 Restaurant 600 Water St. S.W. 11:30 am
Wed. Dec. 17 Southwest Night at Arena Stage play Crowns, Kreeger Theatre, entrance by parking lot, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs. Dec. 18, Chamber Music, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, 6th & Maine Ave. S.W., 7:30 pm
Fri. Dec. 19 Groundbreaking for new Rec Center at King Greenleaf, N St. & First St. S.W., 3:30 pm
Fri. Dec. 19, Chanukah begins at Sunset
Thurs. Dec. 25, Christmas Day
Wed. Dec. 31 New Year's Eve
Thurs. Jan. 1 New Year's Day
Tues. Jan. 6 Citizens Advisory Council, Police Hdqtrs, 415 4th St. S.W., 7 pm
Mon. Jan. 12 ANC Monthly meeting, Millennium Art Center, 65 I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm
Wed. Jan. 14 AARP, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 12 noon
Mon. Jan 19 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Holiday
Thurs. Jan. 22 NARFE Holiday Party, Pier 7, 600 Water St. S.W., 11:45 am
Mon. Jan. 26 SWNA Monthly meeting, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 3rd & M St. S.W., 7:30 pm

Please submit calendar items for the next issue by Wed. January 7



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Barracks Row Planting 77 Shade Trees

Seventy seven disease resistant American Elms have been planted on both sides of three blocks of Eighth St. S.E. - the greatly rejuvenated "Barracks Row" of art galleries, restaurants and shops from Pennsylvania Ave. S.E. to the Marine Barracks next to the Southeast Freeway.

Sponsors of the effort are the Casey Tree Endowment, the DC Dept. of Transportation, Barracks Row Main Street, Inc., and Trees for Capitol Hill.

Volunteers were asked to help with the project and to continue to water the trees to ensure their healthy growth



A massive effort to return shade trees to Capitol Hill has included planting elms along Barracks Row



An example of an area in Southwest badly needing new trees is N St. S.W. next to the new Syphax Village homes between Carrolsburg Pl and Half St. S.W.

Southwest Needs Trees Too !

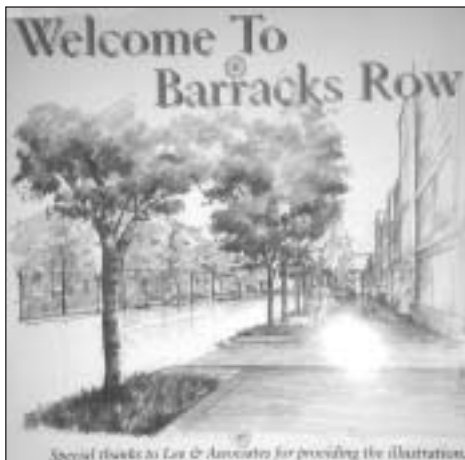
The Casey Trees Endowment has surveyed Southwest streets, too, and met with interested residents to plan for replacing street trees that have died or are dying on Southwest streets.

Barracks Row Open Till 9 Thurs. Dec. 18

Besides the dozen restaurants and eateries along 8th St. S.E. that stay open late on a regular basis, a dozen galleries and shops have been welcoming holiday shoppers until 9 pm Thursdays, including, Dec. 18- some with free gift wrapping and wine and cheese for shoppers.

**Included are:
(in alphabetical order)**

Alvear Studios - 705 8th St. S.E.
Attitude Exact - 739 8th St. S.E.
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A few of the Southwest faces that attended Citizen Summit III in Nov.



Summit III Challenges Citizens

The two dozen or so Southwest residents who attended Mayor Anthony Williams' Citizen Summit III at the new Convention Center found that budget making isn't as easy as you think.

One of the exercises the several thousand persons in attendance were given to solve was a "Tradeoff Worksheet" with 22 options for directing city money to projects in education, public safety, jobs, housing, health care, and tax relief. The options totaled \$124 million dollars, but there was only half that amount available. What programs do you put in the budget and what do you leave out?

The choices were not easy. The mayor made his point.

as interim chair of that committee. (202-479-0442).

St. Matthew's Adds Service

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church now has two services each Sunday morning. A Lutheran Book of Worship service is at 10 am and at 11:15 am is Sing and Rejoice. The regular Sunday School is at 10:15 am.



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SWNA Seeks Candidates For Board

With the annual neighborhood-wide elections coming in March, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly is starting the nomination process.

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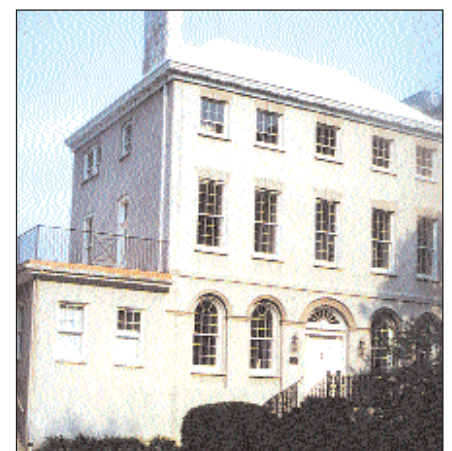
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Scenes From SWNA

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At St. Matthews were 250 bags of groceries assembled by Southwest churches and ready to distribute the next day as Thanksgiving Baskets.



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Portraits of SW Neighbors In Gallery Show

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Professional photographers Michael Platt, Bruce McNeil, Henry Ferrand and Harley Little are making appointments and taking free portraits of past and present residents of the 1200 block of Carrollburg Place, S.W., and the east side of the 1200 block of Half St. S.W. These two-story homes were built 80 or 90 years ago as the Washington Sanitary Homes and have been renovated more than once since.

SW Night At Arena Stage (Correction)

\$10 (plus fees) for tickets for a pre-view night for each of the four remaining productions in the 2003-4 season at Arena Stage are available to Southwest residents and those who work here.

The four nights are as follows:

Feb. 4:	A Man's A Man
Mar. 10:	Yellowman
Apr. 14:	Senor Discretion Himself
May 19:	Orpheus Descending.

Southwest neighbors can buy up to four tickets for that Wed. night preview at that price. Guests do not have to be SW residents.

Information and details are available at the box office, or by calling Arena's Sales Office at 488-3300.

(An earlier listing in *The Southwester* had two errors. Sorry).

Rec Center Ceremony Fri., Dec. 19, 3:30p

The ground breaking for the new King-Greenleaf Rec Center building has been changed to Friday, Dec. 19 at 3:30 pm at 1st and N St. S.W.

(Left) On one wall of the 8 1/2 N St. SW Gallery are portraits of (left to right) Haj Al Nadiith, Nokomis Nokia Henson, and Clarinda Greene. Admission is free. Gallery hours in December are Tues. through Sat., 1 pm to 6 pm, or by appointment. Gallery phone number is 202-352-0555.

(Below) The historic town homes in the 1200 block of Carrollburg Place, S.W.



NARFE At Pier 7 Jan. 22, 11:45

The annual holiday luncheon of the SW chapter of NARFE is at the Pier 7 Restaurant in Channel Inn on Water St. S.W., Thurs. Jan. 22, starting at 11:45 am. Tickets for \$25 are available from Jacquelyn Lowe, 1507 Elkwood Lane, #304, Capital Heights, MD 20743.

Youth Concert Sun., Dec. 14, 4pm

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